

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Bethel****Project Title:****Bethel - Road Repairs and Upgrades****State Funding Requested: \$ 2,500,000****House District: 38 - S**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Maintaining and repairing the streets and roads within the City of Bethel.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$12,000,000**Funding SecuredOther Pending RequestsAnticipated Future Need

Amount FY

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There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The city currently has approximately ten miles of sand and gravel roads that are in desperate need of reconstruction and repair to provide essential service such as fire, police, and water services. Included in these needed repairs are efforts to control and mitigate dust and erosion on the streets. At present, these roads are rapidly deteriorating.

In addition, there is approximately two miles of paved roads that need to be reconstructed to supplement the work the State has completed on the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

The city will be purchasing equipment for asphalt improvements, crushed gravel, pipes, hauling contracts, work on culverts, seeding, signs and signages.

Project Timeline:

Summer 2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Bethel

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Don Baird, City Manager

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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April 10, 2008

Senator Lyman Hoffman
State Capitol, Room 7
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Re: Funds needed for street and road repair and maintenance in Bethel

Honorable Senator Hoffman:

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Bethel, I am taking the opportunity to thank you for all the help you have given the City in this year's legislative session. We genuinely appreciate the assistance and concern you have provided us.

We do have a request that is of the utmost urgency. This is a request for assistance in maintaining and repairing the streets and roads within the City of Bethel. Recently we have developed a plan for the repair and restoration as well as mitigation of the dust issue on all of the streets within the City. Additionally we have the need to clear-up right-of-way issues on two of the more important streets for traffic circulation.

The City currently has approximately ten miles of sand and gravel roads that are in desperate need of reconstruction and repair to provide essential service such as fire, police, fire and sewer service. Included in these needed repairs are our efforts to control and mitigate dust and erosion on these streets. At the present time these roads are rapidly deteriorating and we must act with reasonable prudence to avoid more serious damage and an even greater cost.

Furthermore, there is approximately one and a half to one and three quarters of a mile of City paved roads that need to be reconstructed to supplement all of the work the State of Alaska has completed or will have completed on the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway.

Because of the increase in the cost of transportation of materials, we have a great desire to fix these serious problems before the costs escalate even more. We have estimated the total costs of purchasing material and equipment needed to make the repairs to the critical surface streets within the City to be \$12,000,000. The City has committed and has provided a significant match from City funds for making these improvements. In addition, the City in cooperation with the Orutsarmiut Native Council (ONC), is committing a significant amount of funding from Indian Reservation Road funds toward improving the transportation needs of the City as well.

"Deep Sea and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

We are respectfully requesting \$10,000,000 from the State of Alaska to match the local funds dedicated to improving our roads within the City of Bethel. A more detailed improvement program can be furnished if necessary.

Thank you again for all of the assistance you have provided to the City of Bethel and the entire delta area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don W. Baird". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" being the most prominent.

Don W. Baird
City Manager

Cc: Representative Mary Nelson
Mayor and City Council
Wayne Ogle, Public Works Director

City of Bethel
Street and Road Repair
And Restoration Fiscal Program

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Rebuilding Streets/Equipment and Labor Time	\$4,410,000
Asphalt Improvements	3,500,000
D-1 Crushed Gravel	2,000,000
Thaw Pipes	600,000
CaCl & NaCl for streets	500,000
160M AWD	330,000
Private contract hauling	250,000
24" & 18" Culverts	200,000
Equipment O and M	120,000
Seeding	50,000
Signs and signage	<u>40,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$12,000,000

BETHEL TRAFFIC MAP

LEGEND

- Gravel Improved
- Pavement Improved

